

Office of the Clerk  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-6601

## PAGE ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

Before making your decision to become a Page, **it is imperative that you and your family read and understand the following information regarding your attendance.**

Pages are employees of the U. S. House of Representatives and, as such, are subject to many of the rules and regulations governing all House Employees. While we know that you are involved in many home school and family activities, you should understand that these activities **must be put on hold until you are no longer a Page.**

**If you accept your appointment as a Page, you will not be permitted to return home to attend family reunions, family trips, home school activities, or similar non-Page Program events, if they occur during the school or work week.**

In addition, as an academic Page, you will be required to attend several Washington In-Siders Program (WISP) events which are usually held on Saturdays. Pages and parents must understand that these events are **mandatory** since they are part of the school curriculum. Parents should not make plans to visit their son/daughter on a day on which a WISP occurs or schedule their son/daughter to leave the program on these days. Pages may not make plans to go home on days in which a WISP occurs. Missing a WISP is not allowed unless special approval is given in advance by the Clerk. Scheduled WISPs are printed in the calendar in back of the Handbook.

**If a Page is absent from a WISP, school, work or a mandatory Page Residence Hall activity, the Page will face consequences commensurate with the infraction of the rules of the school, work and Page Residence Hall programs. Such punishment may include termination from the Program.**

If you make plans to return home for any reason other than an immediate family emergency as defined in the Page Handbook, your departure must be after work on Friday and return by curfew on Sunday night. **Early departure, which constitutes leaving school or work early, will not be permitted.**

Because the House's legislative calendar is never set in stone and changes frequently without regard to vacation or holiday plans, a Page's plans and airline tickets may have to be changed or cancelled if the House calendar dictates it. **We advise you to never purchase a non-refundable ticket based on the tentative calendar in the Page Handbook.** It is a safe bet that the calendar will change, and more specific dates will be provided throughout the year.

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It is our goal to make your Page experience both educational and exciting. This can be accomplished by your understanding of what is expected of you and the important role you play as a Page in the U. S. House of Representatives.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the above **Page Attendance Requirements**, and if I accept an appointment as a Page, I agree to abide by the requirements presented in this document.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Page Applicant

We, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, parents/guardians  
of \_\_\_\_\_ (Page applicant) acknowledge that we have read and  
understand the above **Page Attendance Requirements**, and if he/she accepts an appointment as  
a Page, we agree to abide by the requirements presented in this document.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian

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